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SUBJECT: The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program (JWOD)

For Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) employees, October heralds the beginning of a new fiscal year. However, it is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is a fitting time to celebrate the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. Under the JWOD Program, Government Purchase Card users and acquisition personnel buy supplies and services furnished by nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. The JWOD Program is administered by an independent federal agency, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee), in partnership with two national nonprofit organizations, National Industries for the Blind and NISH (formally known as National Industries for the Severely Handicapped).

The theme of this year's JWOD Program celebration is "JWOD Works for America." I am especially proud of our Agency's efforts to provide employment and training opportunities for people with severe disabilities through our support of the JWOD Program. Under JWOD, supplies and services purchased by DLA and other federal agencies currently generate jobs for nearly 40,000 Americans who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. DLA is the JWOD Program's largest contracting agency for the third year in a row. In Fiscal Year 2002, DLA's JWOD purchases amounted to \$363.5 million or 25 percent of the total JWOD business. Mr. Steven R. Bennett, Deputy Commander, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, has recently been appointed by President Bush as the Department of Defense member of the Committee.

Please learn more about the important role you can play in the JWOD Program at www.jwod.gov and make a special effort to show your support as DLA celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month throughout the month of October 2003.

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